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For: ALPHA-KETO ACID REDUCTASE, METHOD

FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE ALPHA-HYDROXY ACIDS USING

THE SAME

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Supplemental to Applicants' Amendment in Response to Non-Final Office Action, filed on May 24, 2006, Applicants request amendment of the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.